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TAGS: PINT, AG

SUBJ: REPORT OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF BOUMEDIENE

REF: USDAO RABAT IR 6865 0205 74 NOTAL

1. FRENCH MILATT TOLD ME HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT
OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION FROM GOOD SOURCE ON
AUG 20 BUT SINCE THOROUGH CHECK HAS PRODUCED NO
CONFIRMATION HE HAD CONCLUDED STORY WAS UNTRUE.

2. I HAVE TWICE HAD OCCASION TO OBSERVE BOUMEDIENE
AND BOUTEFLIKA AT CLOSE RANGE SINCE THAT DATE--AT
AUG 26 SIGNING OF PORTUGAL/GUINEA BISSAU ACCORD AND
AT AUGUST 30 OPENING CEREMONY OF ALGIERS INTERNATIONAL
FAIR. BOTH APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND ON GOOD
TERMS WITH EACH OTHER. AT LATTER EVENT, THEY WALKED
DIP CORPS INTO GROUND VISITING SOME TWENTY PAVILLIONS
ON FOOT.

3. ORIGINAL SOURCE OF ASSASSINATION STORY COULD
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WELL BE MOULOUD KAOUANE, SELF-STYLED LEADER-IN-EXILE

OF "SOLDATS DE L'OPPOSITION ALGERIENNE" WHO HAS
SUCCEEDED, WE UNDERSTAND, IN PLACING SEVERAL ARTICLES
IN FRENCH PRESS OVER COURSE OF SUMMER IN WHICH HE
CLAIMS SOA HAS COME CLOSE TO ASSASSINATING BOUMEDIENE.
DESPITE FACT THAT GOVERNMENT HAS PREVENTED PAPERS
CARRYING THESE STORIES FROM ENTERING ALGERIA, THEIR
CONTENT HAS BECOME WIDELY KNOWN IN THIS RUMOR-PRONE
CITY. ACCORDING TO FRENCH EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR,
THESE STORIES ARE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND KAOUANE DOES
NOT POSE REALISTIC THREAT TO BOUMEDIENE REGIME.
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